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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. POLCONS AND CHIEF CONSULAR SECTION CALLED ONFONMIN
UNDER SECRETARY AREN ARNESEN APRIL 30 AND MDE DEMARCHE
ACCORDING TO REFTEL A.

2. ARNESEN SAID HE APPRECIATED U.S. APPROACH
AND, REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S STATE-
MENT IN REPLY TO STORTING QUESTION EARLIER DURING DAY
ON REFUGEES, WHICH SAID NORWAY PLANNED TO FOLLOW A
LIBERAL PRACTICE CONCERNING RECEPTION OF REFUGEES, BUT,
HE TOLD STORTING, EXISTING RECEPTION FACILITIES IMPOSE
LIMITATIONS ON WHAT NORWAY CAN DO IN THIS REGARD.
HE SAID NORWAY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUESTS, EITHER DIR-
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ECTLY OR THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR VIET-

NAMESE REFUGEES TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN NORWAY. HE THOUGHT NORWAY WAS NOT THE NATURAL PLACE FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO APPLY TO: FRYDENLUND SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NORWAY COULD PROVIDE ITS MOST USEFUL EFFORT FOR SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS TO REFUGEES RELIEF ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY.

3. EMBOFFS EMPHASIZED HUMANITARIAN NEED, US INITIATIVE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND OUT HOPE THAT COUNTRIES WILL TAKE IN AT LEAST 100 REFUGEES. ARNESEN SAID THAT NORWAY WOULD OF COURSE BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, AND IN VIEW OF THE US DEMARCHE WOULD CONSIDER MORE PRECISELY THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING INSPECIFIC NUMBERS OF REFUGEES.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE UNTIL OUR DEMARCHE NORWEGIANS HAD REALLY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED TAKING IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, OVER AND ABOVE THE 60 OR 70 ORPHANS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO BRING IN EARLIER (REF B AND C). ARNESEN INDICATED THE NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL WAS STILL HAVING TROUBLE SETTling SOME OF THE CHILEAN REFUGEES BROUGHT TO NORWAY EARLIER, PARTICULARLY IN FINDING ADEQUATE HOUSING. WHILE THE NORWEGIANS ARE SYMPATHETIC TO REFUGEES GENERALLY, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL NEED TO BE PRODDED SOMEWHAT TO TAKE IN THE VIETNAMESE. THIS IS LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF DONE PRINCIPALLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE URGING BILATERALLY. BYRNE

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